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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A quartz crystal resonator has a quartz crystal tuning fork base and quartz crystal tuning fork tines connected to the quartz crystal tuning fork base. Each of the quartz crystal tuning fork tines has opposite main surfaces, a groove formed in at least one of the main surfaces, and an electrode disposed in the groove formed in at least one of the main surfaces so that a merit value M_1 of a fundamental mode of vibration of the quartz crystal tuning fork resonator is greater than a merit value M_2 of a second overtone mode of vibration thereof. The merit values M_1 and M_2 are defined by the ratios Q_1/r_1 and Q_2/r_2 , respectively, where Q_1 and Q_2 represent a quality factor of the fundamental mode of vibration and the second overtone mode of vibration, respectively, of the quartz crystal tuning fork resonator and r_1 and r_2 represent a capacitance ratio of the fundamental mode of vibration and the second overtone mode of vibration, respectively, of the quartz crystal tuning fork resonator. A piezoelectric constant e_{12} of the the quartz crystal tuning fork resonator is within a range of 0.095 C/m² to 0.19 C/m² in the absolute value.